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London, Dec. 30.—Cornell's cross-country runners gave the pick of the Oxford-Cambridge distancers and the British sporting public the surprise of their lives by almost winning the seven and a half mile race over the classic Roehampton course this afternoon. The Americans lost by 29 to 26 points, but the race was in doubt until the last man finished, while thousands of spectators were gayly thrilled by what was called the most spectacular event of its kind ever held here.

The home team represented the best England has not in that line of sport in which she always has excelled, and the fact that a comparatively small American college could send overseas seven men who had hardly time to get acclimated and give them such a struggle is considered an excellent performance worthy of the highest praise for American cross-country runners.

Cornell's coach, Jack Mackay, declared it the greatest race he ever had seen anywhere.

McNelis, the Oxford crack, led all the way, finishing first in 42:09.45, which is the best time registered in several seasons. Carter of Cornell crossed 100 yards behind a few seconds later in 42:46.4, and the second runner, Cornell was third when McDermott finished in 43:04.2, sweeping past Montague, the Oxford captain, in a pretty sprint in the last quarter.

In order to beat the others of the first ten finished and their respective times, as follows: Montague, Oxford, 43:14.4; Marsh, Cambridge, 43:16.2; N. P. Brown, Cornell, 43:18.0; Carter, Cornell, 43:25.6; E. B. Brown, Cornell, 43:41.4; Grace, Oxford, 43:58.0; Bonnell, Cornell, 44:09.1-5. Only the first ten, the five first on each team, were counted in the scoring and the times of the other runners were not recorded.

The other four starters finished as follows: Sutton, Oxford; Anderson, Cambridge; Holliman, Cornell; and Dick, Cornell.

The most gratifying feature of the event was the excellent sportsmanship between the teams. Veteran sportsmen from Cornell, Princeton, Yale and Harvard, who were in the race, were lined with automobiles. The men were cheered at every obstacle—two water jumps, barbed wire fences and a mile of rough ground.

The cleanest, good humored Yankee made a tremendous impression. Not a single unpleasant incident occurred, which is due much to further international competition.

All the Americans finished strong. Montague, the plucky Oxonian, who ran with an injured foot, was the only man who collapsed at the finish, having been pushed by McDermott in the last mile. Montague finished in fourth place, ahead of Marsh, his Cambridge rival.

For the first half mile of the run all the men were bunched. They ran this way until the two miles had been reached, when Seagrave, Melnes, Carter, Montague and McDermott began jockeying for position. When Montague was away Carter went after him, and they set a fast pace to the finish.

At the two miles it seemed an American race, but after the first mile Montague was in the lead, followed by Seagrave, Carter, Capt. Dickinson of Cornell weakened, evidently as a result of his recent illness, and Cornell's expected perfect jockeying of the team for the finish was impossible.

Coming into Wimbledon Common for the mile and a half finish, with Melnes and Carter leading the race and with third place fought by McDermott, Montague and Marsh, respectively, exciting sport was witnessed by the thousands of spectators who lined the route.

A novelty of the day for the Americans was the climbing to the left of the old barn at King's Head Inn, Roehampton, and crossing the river by the old bridge. The net shooting of Alderman was admirable and had the crowd on its feet in enthusiasm, although his shooting of four goals was only fair.

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**New Yorkers Will Play Six Games in Alabama City—Jumpers Plead to Return.**

**By DANIEL.**

When the Giants go on their training trip in the spring they will try some thing new. Instead of spending a month or so at San Antonio, the primary base, they will stay in the Alabama city for only fifteen days, and later put in six days at a secondary camp, which will be Mobile, Ala.

John McGraw's new scheme came out yesterday, when Joe O'Brien issued the schedule of the second leg of the Giants' Southern tour. The itinerary of the first section, issued the other day, got the New Yorkers into New Orleans. They will leave the Alabama city for Mobile on the night of March 27, and on Monday, the 28th, they will start a series of six games on Alabama soil.

When the Giants enter in Mobile they will meet three clubs from as many leagues. They will play two games with Mobile of the Southern Association, Louisville of the American Association and Philadelphia of the American League. Louisville is to train at Mobile while the Athletics will make that city their first stop on their way north from Lake Charles, La., where they will pitch their camp. The Mackintoshes will meet the New Yorks at Lake Charles, too, so that the Giants-Athletics series will consist of three games.

The idea of spending a week at some city of the South is a new one. McGraw, that year, and Greenville, Miss., was the spot chosen. But Greenville could not get enough opponents for the Giants to come down into the Delta and the prospecting had to be dropped. The Giants and the Red Sox did play one game there. Greenville was suggested again this year, but its hotel facilities were not up to the standard offered by Memphis.

As the Southern schedule stands it calls for eighteen days in San Antonio, three in Dallas, two in Houston, two in New Orleans and six in Mobile. Although the schedule is not yet set, it is on Sunday, April 3, the Giants will play the local Southern Association club at Memphis.

**Jumpers Want to Return.**

Organized baseball will not be troubled next season by the Steel and Industrial leagues, to which so many players jumped last season and the year before. Most of these players, the most prominent being and factory outfits have been broken up and the players have been left holding the bag. The jumpers are frantic in their pleas for reinstatement, but it is extremely unlikely that their cases will even be reviewed. It will be remembered that all the jumpers were barred from organized baseball for five years, and the decision is determined to stand pat on that decision.

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Olle O'Mara and Crum, who quit the Indianapolis club when it was leading the American Association.

One player, Lew Malone, who used to be with Brooklyn, has managed to beat the suspension rule. Malone last season was sold to Toledo, but, like Hickman, he declined to report and jumped to a Steel League club. Brooklyn and Toledo owned Malone, and Toledo held that it had not completed the deal for the transfer. As a result of this blocking Malone was left a free agent and several days ago he signed with Detroit.

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**Youngsters Meet To-day for Junior Indoor Championship—Title Holder Improves.**

**By SAMUEL J. BROOKMAN.**

Only Jerry Lang stands between Vincent Richards and the latter's third indoor tennis championship. Favored from the start to come through to the title round, the youngsters lived up to predictions by defeating their semi-final opponents with ease on the courts of the Seventh Regiment Tennis Club yesterday. They face each other at 11 o'clock this morning in a match that should prove to be the best of the tournament, but which can end only as a victory for the champion.

Lang, a youngster of great promise, has played most impressively throughout the tournament. His work showed clearly how he managed to win the local scholastic championship last June, but he scarcely has advanced far from the field. As a result of this blocking Malone was left a free agent and several days ago he signed with Detroit.

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**Tilden Defeats Brookers and Johnston Triumphs Over Patterson.**

**Reprinted from the late edition of New York Herald yesterday morning.**

ATLANTA, New Zealand, Dec. 30.—America took a commanding lead in the Davis Cup lawn tennis championship tournament here to-day when William T. Tilden defeated Norman E. Brookers, the Australian team, 10-8, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4, and William M. Johnston straight sets, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1.

A very hot sun and a little wind and rain had to lead the court slow but solid, and the showers of the past few days seemed not to have injured its playing surface.

Tilden served first from the northern ends of the court, and he and Brookers each won their services until the first set, 6-3. Brookers then won Tilden's service and broke through with his own and led, 5 to 3. Tilden responded by winning the two next games, saving the last game with a fine service.

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Herbert L. Pratt, Joseph E. Davis, W. H. Maxwell, W. L. Crosby and several other trainers must find new trainers before May 1. Simon Henley has been engaged by Mr. Davis, and it is likely he will go to the Quincey Stable, belonging to Mr. Pratt, and Mr. Maxwell.

The Quincey Stable has thirty-four horses, including eleven Yearlings, and is located at 100 West 10th St. Ballet Dancer and Leading Star, which formerly raced in Fitzsimmons's stables.

Reverence by referees for a championship title has saved many a holder from deserved defeat. This was particularly true of pugilism of the past, and ring officials of the present are not so easily taken in by the title, although a majority of them are beginning to realize that a champion is not entitled to any more consideration from the third man in the line than a preliminary boy in a four round bout. Sullivan was the beneficiary of the awe with which a champion was regarded in his day. Although John L. refused to come out to his corner for the seventh round of a bout with Dominick McCaffrey in Cincinnati in 1885, the referee, two days after the bout, declared Sullivan the winner.

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